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SUBJECT Production of A-1 Gunnery Training Sets at  
Zeiss Jena

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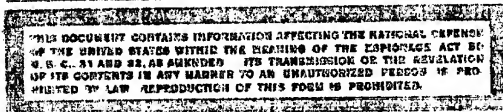
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1. By mid-December 1952, the Jena Zeiss Plant had filled the production quota of 67 A-1 training sets. The assembly and the delivery was considerably accelerated during the last weeks. Radmirov (fnu), chief of the Soviet acceptance commission had repeatedly urged that the delivery of these sets be accelerated, pointing to delays and careless work on the part of the plant administration. Workmen and also engineers had obviously sabotaged the production of the A-1 set, but at last the delivery date fixed by the Soviets was met. Sets which had been checked out in the evening, often did not function the next day.<sup>1</sup>
2. On 22 January 1953, the Soviet pilots arrived with a defective A-1 set from Cottbus to have it repaired at the Suedwerk of the Jena Zeiss Plant. It was one of the first sets delivered in 1949. On 19 January, an engineer, also several technicians and an interpreter went to repair an A-1 set at Grossenhain airfield.<sup>2</sup>
3. The 1953 production quota of 135 A-1 pilot training sets was forwarded to the Zeiss Plant in February. Preparatory work for this production had already been started at the Suedwerk. According to the production plan, the first set was to be delivered in June 1953. Sources believed that, owing to difficulties in the procurement of materials, this target date would not be met.<sup>1</sup> One set of the 1952 series remained as a model at the plant.
4. Radmirov, Timonin (fnu) and Simakov (fnu), the three leading Soviet officers of an inspection commission which checked the A-1 sets in 1952, paid a final visit to Director Hugo Schrade after the last sets of 1952 had been checked. In a speech, Major Radmirov praised the work accomplished by Dr. Schrade, his staff, and the entire personnel of the Zeiss Plant pointing out that, in spite of all the difficulties experienced in the supply of materials, quotas were always filled by the deadline and that an excellent job was done in the production of these precision instruments. Of the approximately 100 sets produced, some had been subjected to heavy strains for many months, but few of them had failed or become defective.

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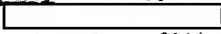
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
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1.  Comment. The 1952 and 1953 production quotas were previously reported.  . According to previous information, rigid work conditions and the difficulties in the supply of materials caused the delays in 1952.

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2.  Comment. The defective set from Cottbus was probably used for the training of the 1st VFL regiment which had Soviet instructors. Air units stationed at Crossenhain included one fighter division headquarters and two fighter regiments.

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